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THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN :

(அ) (1) 311.

(2) 39.

(ஆ) (1) (i) நீர்ப்பாசன வாய்க்கால்கள் 17.

(ii) வடிகால்கள் 13.

(2) (i) நீர்ப்பாசன வாய்க்கால்கள் 8.

(ii) வடிகால்கள் 10.

(இ) அவைகளுக்காக செலவிடப்பட்ட தொகை ரூபாய் 1,70,100.

Working journalists

* 203-K Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Honfl the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the names of newspaper establishments that have reduced the salaries of working journalists following the Supreme Court Judgment invalidating the Wage Board award; and

(b) whether there was any representation by working journalists regarding the managements' action?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) (i) "Ananda Vikatan", Madras,

(ii) "Daily Thanthi", Madras, and

(iii) United Press of India.

(b) A representation was made regarding reduction of wages in "Daily Thanthi" by the Madras Union of Working Journalists. The Government discussed the issue with the parties. The Union has since informed the inspector of Newspaper Establishments that the employees are willing to accept the offer of the management.

No representations were received in respect of the other two establishments.

* 203-L Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have information as to how many newspaper establishments in our State have withdrawn the Wage Board scales of pay subsequent to the judgment of the Supreme Court;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation from the affected working journalists; and

(c) what action was taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a), (b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to my answer to Starred Question No. 203-K of Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar.

SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI : தலைவர் அவர்களே, வேஜ் போர்டு தீர்ப்பைச் செல்லத்தக்கதாக ஆக்க சர்க்கார் ஏதேனும் முயற்சி எடுத்துக் கொள்ளுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: அது மத்திய சர்க்கார் விஷயம். அதற்காக அவர்கள் ஆர்டினன்ஸ் கொண்டு வந்தார்கள். அதையே சட்ட பூர்வமாக சட்டசபையில் பைஸல் செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

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SRI S. B. ADITYAN : From the answer given by the Hon. Minister, it is evident that there are some newspapers in Madras which never implemented the decision of the Wage Board and never paid wages as ordered by the Wage Board, particularly *Janasakthi*. What action did the Government take against such newspapers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The question has become academic because the decision of the Wage Board has been cancelled.

Water resources

* 203-*K Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are conducting experiments to arrest evaporation loss in the use of water resources and in tanks; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) After the irrigation season a chemical known as 'Hexadecanol' will be sprayed with the aid of floats and experiments conducted in Sengarai tank in Chingleput district, while another tank, namely, the Uthukottai tank in the same distrct will be kept as control tank without treatment. All inflows and outflows into the two tanks will be measured and the losses in the two tanks due to evaporation will be derived. A comparative study of the observations in the two tanks will indicate the reduction in loss by evaporation due to application of Hexadecanol.

10-00 a.m. MR. SPEAKER : It is now 10 o'clock. I will allow one supplementary on question No. 203-M. The rest of the questions together with answers will be printed in the official proceedings.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : The questions relating to textile mills at least may be taken up, Sir. They are very important.

HON. MEMBERS : They may be taken up tomorrow.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We may take ten more minutes and finish the rest of the questions.

MR. SPEAKER : If it is the desire of the House, I have no objection to allow ten more minutes for the rest of the questions. Because the House refused to give yesterday extra time for unfinished questions, I said the answers might be printed in the official proceedings.

SRI N. K. Palanisami may put his supplementary on question No. 203-M.